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To: Kowalski, Matthew
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Subject: 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd Project

To: The Ann Arbor Planning Commission
Re: Planning Commission Meeting on July 21, 2015

I heard from Bill Higgins that Sabra Briere visited the site this week. For that I commend her and am thankful. I believe she is the only PC person to do so. That I find disturbing. We, the Ann Arbor citizens who live on Lambeth, Ascot, Chaucer and other surrounding streets are deeply disturbed by the potential of an access road connecting this development to our residential area. We are zoned RESIDENTIAL (single family dwellings) and seriously question the legality of permitting traffic from a development zoned R4 (multi-family) to directly exit or enter through our neighborhood. Even if it is legal, is this right? Is there any other development in the entire city that does this? Is this how 50 year old established neighborhoods should be treated in the name of "growth and development"? The reason given for this access is for "emergencies". I ask you to look seriously at that. What emergency would require traversing Scio Church, Chaucer, Ascot and Lambeth to enter this development, rather than entering directly from Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. The architect's answer to this, when asked, was on football Saturdays when AA-Saline road is congested. Really? There are 6 or 7 home games a year. The only time when congestion would be an issue is the 30-60 minutes after the game, and even then, the traffic is moving and a Fire or EMS unit could get through. So, for perhaps 6 possible hours in the year we need an access to Lambeth that poses a lifelong risk of violating the tranquility of our neighborhood? I am sorry, but this makes no sense to me. I was at the Art Fair the last two days and walked through some of the residential streets that are totally blocked for the fair. There are many houses, most with several apartments in each, along these blocked streets. And these streets are blocked from Wed morning to Saturday evening...FOUR full days. They have no "emergency access" for this period of time. Emergency units will do the best they can to get to where they need to go. This is Ann Arbor. We are a relatively small residential city and we sometimes have major events that create busyness, congestion and even street blockage. But we deal with it. It is part of the fabric of the city. Suddenly creating an access road through a quiet residential area to avoid 6 hours per year of congestion is not right.

As I have stated, before, I seriously question the wisdom of this high density project on this parcel, but if the commission feels this is appropriate for the "development and growth" of Ann Arbor, so be it. But for the sake of this "growth", please do not jeopardize what we already have.....an established 50 year old residential neighborhood. I ask that you do NOT approve this project as long it has the access road to Lambeth. Thank you.

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